(c) As regards large volume exports commitment, the Corporation shall be underwriting risks within its own financial capacity and in accordance with its risk perception.

Setting up of Industries in Kerala

328. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of industries/factories established in the State of Kerala as compared to the other States of the country during the last five years and till date in view of the economic and industrial development of the State;

(b) whether Government have formulated any new policy to set up industries in Kerala on priority basis;

(c) if so, what are the details of various proposals received from the private sector; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) During the period from 1995 to 1999, Kerala accounted for a little over 2% of the industrial investment intentions implemented in the country.

(b) to (d) With the announcement of Industrial Policy Statement 1991 the Central Government has embarked upon a policy of deregulation and liberalisation which is applicable to all States and Union Territories including Kerala. In such an environment it is the perception of the entrepreneur regarding availability of supportive infrastructure, trained manpower and overall business environment that determines of the entrepreneurs for a particular State or Union Territory.

Growth Centres Functioning in Assam

329. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth centres functioning at present in the State of Assam;

(b) the number of growth centres proposed to be set up in the State during the Ninth Plan;

(c) the amount allocated by Government for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?